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SUB: ARASC: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUND

REF: TUNIS 5085 (NOTAL)

1. CAREFUL FINAL ON-SITE PRE-CONFERENCE BUDGET REVIEW BY AGIRI, SHAW AND WEINHOLD INDICATES FUNDS NEARLY EXHAUSTED. PRIMARY CAUSE SHORTFALL IS EXORBITANT AIRLINE FARE INCREASES WHICH OCCURRED SINCE CANCELLATION CONFERENCE IN LAGOS. FOR EXAMPLE, AIR ZAIRE RATES INCREASED 98 PERCENT FOR TWO ZAIRE PARTICIPANTS. CURTAILMENT PORTIONS PANAM AFRICAN SERVICE ALSO LED TO INCREASED PER DIEM COSTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN TRANSIT LONGER TO AND FROM CONFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, COMPLICATED TRAVEL PLANS FOR REGIONAL OBSERVERS, OF WHICH REFTEL GOOD EXAMPLE, HAS MADE ORIGINAL BCICA PER DIEM DOLS 220 INCLUSIVE INADEQUATE FOR ACTUAL COSTS OBSERVERS WILL HAVE AND ONLY HALF OF WHAT REGULAR PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE FOR SAME PERIOD

2. GIVEN EXTREME BUDGET SITUATION DESCRIBED PARA 1, REQUEST AGENCY ICS/CA DO FOLLOWING:

A. ASK BCICA REP FORREY WHETHER ADDITIONAL BCICA FUNDS

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AVAILABLE INCREASE PRESENT DOLS 220PER DIEM FOR REGIONAL

OBSERVERS DOLS 200 PER OBSERVER.

B. EXPECT BCICA FUND UNAVAILABLE. IF THAT CASE, REQUEST
AGENCY ICS AND/OR CU/AF GRANT DOLS 800 AND DOLS 1500
RESPECTIVELY COVER INCREASED PER DIEM FOR REGIONAL OBSERVERS
AND REPLENISH GENERAL CONFERENCE FUNDS WHICH EATEN UP BY
UNEXPECTED TRAVEL INCREASES NOTED PARA 1.

3. FULLY UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULTY ELEVENTH HOUR REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS POSES AGENCY, CU, REQUEST SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION FOR INCREASE SO CONFERENCE, WHICH MOVING TOWARDS
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND EXCITING RESOLUTION NOT BE BURDENED WITH
UNNECESSARY BUDGETARY SHORTFALL.

4. ADVISE ASAP AVAILABILITY ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND CABLE
AUTHORIZATION FUNDS TO EMBASSY ABIDJAN.

5. NOTE. THREE EAST AFRICAN CANCELLATIONS TODAY EASE
BUDGET PRESSURE DETAILED ABOVE. NEVERTHELESS, APPRECIATE
AGENCY STILL CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.
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